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Re: Response to MuckRock.com's CPRA Appeal of July 29, 2019

Dear Mr. Sinyangwe

This is a response of the City of Gardena to your California Public Records Act ("CPRA") appeal made on July 29, 2019 requesting copies of the following records regarding 2018 Use of Force records:

1. The total number of police uses of force in 2018, broken down by type of force used (i.e. number of uses of tasers, number uses baton, etc.).
  - a. *The Gardena Police Department does not maintain these records in this type of format. Per Government Code 6253 we are not required to create records that do not exist.*
2. The total number of use of force complaints reported by civilians in 2018.
  - a. *The Gardena Police Department received one Use of Force complaint by a civilian in the year 2018*
3. The total number of use of force complaints reported by civilians that were sustained in 2018.
  - a. *There were zero Use of Force complaints sustained in 2018.*

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss.

Very truly yours,

Elena Garner

Support Services Supervisor

Custodian of Records



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